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NOTE FOR CIRCULATION.

Food situation in the Province - Review for the second fortnight of February 1948.

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TO A.S.

The Board's review of the food situation in the Province for the fortnight ending 29-2-48 at pages 1-2 c.f. and the fortnightly report at pages 3-10 c.f. and the enclosure thereto at pages 11-65 c.f. may be perused.

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND CROP PROSPECTS:- The rainfall during the fortnight was moderate in West Godavari district, fair in Vizagapatam, Guntur, South Arcot, North Arcot and Ramnad districts and light or nil elsewhere. The rains were beneficial to the standing crops in parts of Ramnad district, but have affected the cholam crop which was ripe for harvest in parts of Guntur district.

Water supply is inadequate in the districts of Nellore, Chingleput, Chittoor, North Arcot, Salem, Trichinopoly, Tinnevely, and in parts of Bellary, Anantapur, Cuddapah, Madura, Ramnad and South Kanara districts.

Sowing or transplantation of paddy was proceeding in the districts of East Godavari, Bellary, Cuddapah, Nellore, Salem and South Kanara and of dry crops in the districts of Vizagapatam, Cuddapah, Salem and Tinnevely. Owing to the inadequate water supply in irrigation sources, paddy crop has failed in extensive areas in wet, dry and Manavari lands in Chingleput district and large extents of paddy in some taluks have gone shavi and failed in parts of one taluk in Chittoor district. In parts of Bellary, South Arcot, Salem, Coimbatore, Trichinopoly, Tanjore, Madura, Ramnad, Tinnevely, Malabar, and South Kanara districts the standing crops have been affected for want of rains. Cholam crop in parts of Bellary district is reported to have been affected by pests. The condition of the standing crops in the other districts is generally fair.

Harvest of paddy was proceeding in the districts of Anantapur, Cuddapah, Nellore, South Arcot, Salem, Trichinopoly, Tanjore, Madura, Tinnevely, Malabar and South Kanara and of dry crops in the districts of Guntur, Kurnool, Bellary, Cuddapah, Trichinopoly and Tinnevely.

The outturn of paddy was fair to normal in Anantapur, Cuddapah, Nellore, Salem and Tinnevely districts and poor to fair in South Arcot, Trichinopoly, Tanjore, Madura, Ramnad, Malabar and South Kanara districts. The outturn of dry crops was poor to fair in Guntur, Kurnool, Bellary, Cuddapah, Trichinopoly and Tinnevely districts.

STOCK AND SUPPLY POSITION. The stock position of food-grains was as follows when compared with the previous week:-

FOODGRAINS	ON 21-2-48	ON 28-2-48.
Rice	241665	262492
Wheat	5039	4922
Maida	536	497
Maize	30248	36685
Other grains	4778	14636

RICE: Buffer stocks are being built up in the districts to tide over the impending lean months.

Under the scheme of accelerated procurement and export from the Circars, mention of which was made in the last fortnight's report, arrangements are being made to send to Malabar by sea about 7500 tons of rice from Kistna in addition to the 1500 tons from East Godavari already reported.

MILLETS (INCLUDING MAIZE): With the receipt of large quantities of maize and milo from overseas, fairly adequate supplies are available in all the districts. On account of the local harvests taking place in some districts, the demand for imported grains at present is ~~estimated~~ not large, but it is expected to increase shortly.

WHEAT AND WHEAT PRODUCTS:- In view of the uncertain prospects of further imports of wheat, Collectors have been instructed ~~to~~ to conserve the available stocks for the use of habitual consumers and those on diet, arrange for their proper storage, periodical inspection and treatment wherever necessary so as to prevent any loss due to deterioration.

The supplies are likely to last for about 5 months.

PROGRESS OF PROCUREMENT: 101,420 tons of rice and 243 tons of millets were locally procured in the Province during the fortnight ending 15.2.1948 as against 73,049 tons of rice and 205 tons of millets procured in the preceding fortnight.

Targets for the procurement of rice for 47-48 under the levy system have been fixed and communicated to the Collectors with instructions to procure as much as possible towards the targets during the harvest season itself.

A note on the trend of prices of several commodities in the derationed rural and urban areas and the statements showing the prices of each commodity at the several centres are at pages 9-10 c.f. and 11-13 c.f. respectively.

Statements showing the particulars of prosecutions and convictions for food offences in the various districts are at sheets 15-65 c.f.

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